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Franklin (Tenn.) News: To desert the Kansas City platform would be a confession of weakness and dishonor.

Batavia (O.) Sun: Mr. Roosevelt's devotion to General Wood equals Senator Hanna's interest in the welfare of Mr. Rathbone.

Chicago (Ill.) Dispatch: As the Dispatch stated four weeks ago, plain sugar has more influence in congress than plain duty.

Stillwater (O. T.) Advance: It is hard to distinguish the Cleveland brand of democracy from republicanism pure and simple.

Fulton (Ill.) Journal: Mr. Cleveland is a great fisherman, but he is thoroughly convinced that the fishing in Kansas and Nebraska is mighty poor.

Gonzales (Tex.) Inquirer: A great many people now say the silver question is dead, but it is very noticeable that some of them are afraid of the corpse.

Harrodsburg (Ky.) Democrat: It is time the country was waking up to the danger-tendency of the time, and, before it is too late, put a stop to the rapid decline of the republic.

West Point (Neb.) Democrat: Reorganization—well, we guess not, hardly. We don't happen to need any reorganization and what's more, there will be no disorganization either.

Bucyrus (O.) Forum: "Get together" is a good democratic text for 1904. The wandering sheep of '96 and 1900 will be welcomed back, if they will return to the party and to democratic principles.

Stanberry (Mo.) Headlight: Cuba has at last been set free, after years of struggle for freedom. It is now a republic. The next great question for the democrats to settle is similar—freedom for the Philippines.

Little Falls (Minn.) Herald: When the republican party repeals a tariff that protects trusts like the beef and steel trusts, a little more faith will be shown in republican promises to deal properly with the trusts.

Monticello (O.) Democrat: Secretary Root announces that it will be impossible for his department to furnish a detailed statement of expenditures in Cuba before congress adjourns. Certainly! The figures might affect the elections next fall.

Runge (Tex.) News: It does look like the public has a right to know something about the amount of money—and where it went to—expended by this government in its Philippine experiment. Of course there is nothing in the fact that such information is withheld by a "strict party vote."

Boise (Idaho) News: The democrats are willing to have Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hill act with them if they have experienced a change of heart, but they will accept no plan of reorganization that contemplates the leadership of the party passing into their hands.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: If our revolutionary fathers had accepted such terms as the administration proposes to proclaim to the Filipinos, on the Fourth of July, there would be no Fourth of July.

Waynesburg (Pa.) Messenger: We don't plead guilty to the charge of being old, but we can remember when the national constitution was held in high esteem, even by the supreme court and the president of the United States.

Emmettsburg (Ia.) Democrat: While democrats are not enthusiastic admirers of President Roosevelt or his policies, they are satisfied that he cannot do their party half the harm that Grover Cleveland did during his second term.

Marion (Ky.) Press: Ollie James' reception by the Nebraska democracy was a greeting that any man might well be proud of, and his speech and the impression he made is something that Ollie's district and state is proud of.

Union County (O.) Journal: As between themselves they (Cleveland and Hill) may harmonize or disagree, the democratic party cares nothing, but if they would ever again harmonize with the democratic party they must come to it.

Hickory (Miss.) Reporter-Index: All those anything-to-win democrats want harmony bad enough to go over the party line to Cleveland in order to get it. Why not try to persuade all Christians to harmonize with the devil in order to have peace.

Linn (Mo.) Unterrified Democrat: Old Grover is patiently at work reorganizing the democratic party. The real democrats will not be deceived by his maneuvers. They want none of his "old time victories" by which the people are made the victims of trusts and monopolies.

Wilmington (O.) Democrat: The democratic organization will remain in the hands of democrats who have been true to the principles of the party during the trying times when those alleged democrats who are now shouting for reorganization were exerting their energies to disrupt the party.

Lewiston (Ill.) News: Mr. Hill in writing to a friend some time ago wrote in answer to an inquiry: "I was a democrat before the Chicago convention and am a democrat still—very still." That is just how we will endeavor to keep him, "still," no matter how ambitious he becomes.

Boulder (Colo.) Representative: Every time that Cleveland or Hill appear before the public announcing the course that the democracy should pursue, all the republican leaders are delighted. They well know that that is what will lead to republican success and democratic defeat. Therefore they pat Hill and Cleveland on the back and tell us what great statesmen these relics are.

Burnside (Ky.) Item: If it is an honorable policy to withdraw from Cuba and leave the island to the government of its own people, why would it be a "scuttle" policy to withdraw from the Philippine archipelago and leave those islands to the government of their own people?

Medford (Ore.) Enquirer: Grover Cleveland may relieve himself of all the hot air he chooses, but the fact remains that the rank and file of the democratic party have no more use for him than they have for Mark Hanna. In fact Boss Hanna is much more popular than the undemocratic would-be leader, Grover Cleveland.

Fostoria (O.) Times: Why should Cleveland and Hill talk harmony in the interests of the democracy after sitting supinely through two campaigns, calmly watching it struggling for life against a powerful foe? There is something ludicrous as well as angering in their present attitude in comparison with the past.

Monroe City (Mo.) Democrat: The doctrine of imperialism has challenged democracy to mortal combat on American soil. How will we decide the question? The fate of unborn millions depends upon our decision. Let our decision be for justice and right and let us stand firm on the Declaration of Independence.

Fostoria (O.) Democrat: The Chicago Chronicle says the democratic party makes a mistake when it abandons its principles to follow the precepts of a small class in or out of the party. This being the case, it is to be hoped that the Chronicle will not urge the party to combine on the Cleveland-Hill harmony idea.

Marysville (Kas.) Advocate-Democrat: That "full dinner pail" is not such an absurd statement after all. When the workingman dives into the deepest recesses of his lunch basket and finds nothing there he should console himself with the remembrance that "hot air" is one of the stocks in trade of the republican party. Perhaps this is what their orators had reference to when they spoke of the "full dinner pail."

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: We are looking for some new catch phrases for the next campaign. Hanna has the die in which the ones are stamped that usually delude the poor creatures affected with partisan insanity. How familiar, yet how foolish, the slogans of past campaigns seem, such as "sound money," "money good in Europe," "benevolent assimilation," and "who'll haul down the flag." In recent years the average voter's judgment would not be worth much when appraised in the light of events. Consciously or unconsciously he is made to do the bidding of the masters of finance and is told that the hand of fate is shaping his destiny and that he should, therefore, "leave well enough alone."

Macomb (Ill.) Eagle: The president of the United States has made a big stand play on the trusts, but he has weakened on the proposition just as he has on all questions to stand in with capital and greed for the purpose of getting campaign funds to help elect him in 1904, the people see through it all.

Keyser (W. Va.) Tribune: By the time one has cooked a meal bought from the beef trust with fuel purchased from the coal trust on a stove secured from the steel trust, with sweetening supplied by the sugar trust, it takes a good deal of faith to indorse Senator Hanna's statement that trusts are a good thing.

Carrollton (Mo.) Democrat: In the sixties, when the republican party wanted two additional senators, they added the state of Nevada to the union; now they refuse to let in Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico, each of which will make a dozen of Nevada. The republican party never looks at these questions, except from a political point of view.

Vernon (Ind.) Journal: When Bryan said, in effect, that he did not propose to surrender everything he fought for in two campaigns in order to help Cleveland republicanize the democratic party, he spoke for several millions of voters who believed in the principles they voted for in 1896 and 1900 and who cannot be led astray by "new and gaudy issues."

Canton (Mo.) Press: Congress adjourned Tuesday eve, with singing "There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea." As the total appropriations figure up to something over \$900,000,000, the republicans do not feel as jubilant as they appear, for they fear their shortcomings may induce the people to put some of them in the aforesaid hole next November.

Lamoni (Ia.) Patriot: The advice of Grover Cleveland to drop everything but tariff and trusts, is characteristic, but lacking in justice and humanity. Moreover, it is dropping the principal thing, the major part, and retaining the minor part. To drop the question of political liberty and retain the question of industrial liberty, is giving up the basis and foolishly trying to preserve the superstructure.

Malone (N. Y.) Forum: The Forum stands for the new democracy of 1896 and 1900 and standing firmly on the bedrock of regularity cannot be dislodged from its impregnable position. The "disorganizers" are bolters, bolted in 1896 and by their action turned the country over to the tender mercies of the trusts. Today they are the agents of the trusts who want to control both parties so that whichever is in power they are safe. Either Hill or Cleveland is safe for the trusts, which accounts for the World's campaign of lying and hypocrisy to throw dirt in the eyes of the people.